

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.
PARIS, SEPTEMBER 10, 1853.

We owe an apology to our readers for the appearance of this number of our paper. We did not discover until late to remedy the evil, that the paper sent us was of a smaller size than that which we had ordered and which we intend to use. We shall be cautious to prevent such mistakes in future.

We feel truly grateful to our editorial brethren of the Democratic party, for the favorable and even flattering welcome with which the appearance of this paper has been greeted. To those who have done us the favor of publishing our prospectus we shall be ready and happy to reciprocate the obligation. The best return we can make to the good will and wishes all, is by our zeal and labors in the good cause, to endeavor to continue to deserve them.

We acknowledge the kindness of our friends in many parts of this County in procuring subscribers, which we will endeavor to repay by making the paper worthy of encouragement. Our list is yet small—too small to yield us a bare support. We of course should have no objection to making the establishment a profitable one, but could be content to continue our efforts with such support as should enable us with industry and prudence to save ourselves from loss. It cannot be expected that we should continue with the prospect of certain and inevitable loss. The encouragement we have met with thus far, has been gratifying and equalled our expectations. By the continued increase of our subscriptions we shall be placed on such a permanent basis as will afford to ourselves and to our friends assurance of our continuance. Our dependence must be and is upon our own County and our own party for support. We trust that they shall receive it. We will endeavor to deserve it.

We would call the attention of our readers to the notice that has been published in our paper of the meeting of the County Temperance Society in this place to-morrow. There is, we believe, no one who will avow opposition to the professed objects of this Society—no one who does not wish for its prosperity. The prospect is encouraging, when we look around us and see how much has already been done for the promotion of the best interests of society, by the awakening of public attention to this important subject, for a few years past. The current of public opinion has set strongly in its favor. The intoxicating draught has been nearly banished from the closet and the sideboard, but it still haunts our stores and taverns. The social glass may now be refused without the fear of being thought singular. Custom no longer renders it necessary that it should welcome the coming and speed the departing guest. The traveler may now pass by the tavern or call at it without visiting the bar, and not incur the imputation of meanness. We have good reason to hope that the rising generation will be brought up under more favorable auspices in this respect, than many which have gone before it—that habit, example, and that most powerful agent fashion, will be on the side of virtue—that young men on their entrance into active life will not have to unlearn a fatal vice. Much has been done, but much yet remains to be done. There are bad and deeply seated habits yet to be overcome—strong prejudices to be removed. The storm of angry zeal—the violence of denunciation will not effect this. The branches of the tree have been lopped off but lukewarmness or indifference will suffer new shoots, fresh and vigorous to spring forth. Violence will scatter but not exterminate the evil. Reason and example are powerful in stemming the torrent of evil; but they must go hand in hand. Total and entire abstinence is the only safe ground on which we can stand. He that deliberates or temporizes—he that affects neutrality or seeks for partial indulgence is in danger of being lost. He cannot be deemed hearty in the cause. His example is more dangerous than he is perhaps aware of. Unworthy motives are imputed to his professed friendship to the cause—the drunkard fortifies himself (justly or unjustly) by a reference to his example. It is for these reasons that members of temperance societies and professed friends to the cause incur a great and fearful responsibility. It is not enough that they are temperate; they must place themselves beyond suspicion. There are but few who admit that they are drunkards or in danger of becoming so. If the member of the temperance society takes his glass of wine, others will find in it an excuse for taking their glass of rum or brandy. There are many that cannot and more that will not perceive any distinction in the two cases. It is the effect that is to be regarded, and it matters not whether this is produced by rum or wine or cider or any thing else that intoxicates. "Abstain from every appearance of evil."

We have unintentionally extended our remarks on a subject in which all ought to feel an interest. Our intention was simply to call the attention of the public to this meeting—to persuade all to give it the encouragement of their presence and countenance and to arouse the attention of the indifferent. It is neither a sectarian nor party affair, but we sincerely wish that every sect in religion and party in politics would strive to outdo each other in promoting the objects of this Society. Would men contend as earnestly for this as they do for the triumph of their party or making converts to their sect we might do something.

The die is cast—the vote has been thrown and we may shortly hope to know the result. It remains to be learned whether the factious designs of a few have been successful in defeating the wishes of the party to which they profess to belong. The mask with which they affected to conceal their designs has been torn off. Their pretended zeal for Gov. Smith and affected scruples against the political character of Mr. Dunlap deceived many; but their practices have opened the eyes of all who are not willfully blinded. Their object has been not merely to prevent the election of Mr. Dunlap but also to defeat that of the Representative to Congress from this District and of the Senators from this County. Votes of all descriptions have been circulated for the purpose of preventing a choice of any of these officers. The determination was evidently to defeat all the regular nominations and to break down if possible the republican party. The arguments they have urged have been varied to meet the dispositions and address themselves to the prejudices of the people who were the objects of them. They do not pretend to be more than a small minority of the democratic party, and as they will not yield to the will of the majority they surely cannot ask that the majority should yield to them—they cannot hope for the election of their candidates by the votes of the people, but rather in opposition to the wishes of the people if at all. They know and admit that they cannot triumph without the aid of the federalists and that this aid cannot be obtained without some concessions on their part. Are they willing to enter into an alliance with their old enemies for

the purpose of defeating their old friends. Will they assist the federalists for the purpose of obtaining their assistance in breaking down the democratic party? We have no doubt that all these contingencies have been foreseen and provided for by the leaders of this section; but we do not believe that all their followers are prepared to sanction the bargain. Some may be deceived for a time, but they will not sacrifice their principles and their party to gratify the ambition or resentment of a few designing men. In what estimation are those men held for many years past acted with the federalists? They are used because their services are wanted—they are caressed and flattered because their fidelity is doubted. Are those of our democratic brethren who are opposed to us prepared to assume such a position?

The letter which we publish below, is from one whom our readers will recognize as the firm and unwavering democrat. His sentiments are those of the democracy of our country so far as we have heard them expressed. He was a delegate to the August Convention, and there voted for Gov. Smith, but acquiesced in the will of the majority. Such is the spirit that prevails among our democratic farmers. We publish this letter not for electioneering effect but as a specimen of many others of a similar character which we have received. The Democracy of Oxford will be true to themselves. While we have the approbation and support of such men our paper will be sustained.

To the Editor of the OXFORD DEMOCRAT.
Sir, I received through your politeness, by the last week's mail, the first number of your paper, the very title of which carries within itself a charm, which being heightened by the correct principles therein contained, together with the objects, as set forth in the prospectus, to be obtained by the publication, are a sufficient inducement for me to become a subscriber for one year, although I read and pay for another paper.

I have enclosed two dollars which by your terms will entitle me to a discount and which may be made by sending me a few printed votes containing the names of the regularly nominated candidates for my own use and for the use of those of my fellow townsmen who may wish to put them into the ballot box.

Yours respectfully,
JOHN HEARSEY.
Canton, Aug. 29, 1853.

We request our friends in various parts of the County to furnish us as early as possible with accurate returns of the votes for State and County officers and the names and political character of the Representatives.

FOR THE DEMOCRAT.
"When the proprietor of the Jeffersonian was asked, why he had not consulted with some of the Oxford democrats, those who had always in favor of the Jeffersonian, his answer was they would not let me, they would not let me tell my own father of it." The present proprietor of the Jeffersonian pronounces the above a base and wicked misrepresentation. We reiterate the above statement and pronounce it true to the very letter. It is the phrase and exact language of that young man, the proprietor of the Jeffersonian, Mr. Horatio King. Nor does this assertion stand upon the testimony of one gentleman alone, several heard the same and are ready to substantiate the truth of it by oath whenever necessity or expediency may require. It was to have been expected, that when the aforesaid proprietor should discover to what extent he had been made the dupe of his present supporters, and seen the course of his ultimate destination, that he would experience all the bitterness of disappointed hopes and ruined prospects; but it was not anticipated that he would forget the principles of moral duty and involve his moral character with his political in one common ruin. I now assert some further remarks of that young man, and pledge myself that they are true and that they can be verified by unimpeachable testimony. The proprietor of the Jeffersonian stated that he requested of his Portland friends, when there the privilege of consulting his brothers in law residing in Portland relative to his removal to that place—but said he "they would not let me." And why would they not let me, it was asked. "Because," said he, "they did not want the other party to know it." The question was instantly asked, what party do you mean? His reply was "the Argus party—the Frankies." He added, "I was sorry they would not let me, because I wanted my brothers in law to assist me in hiring and fitting up an office before hand." The whole of the foregoing conversation passed in the presence of more than one person, whose reputation for truth has never been questioned. If the proprietor of the Jeffersonian is desirous of proof, he can have it to his hearts content. No other feeling but that of kindness and pity has hitherto existed towards him, and it is a little unfortunate for him that he should endeavor to destroy the last remnant of personal regard.

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The annual Commencement of Bowdoin College took place on Wednesday the 4th inst. and although the day was rendered unpleasant by continued rain, a large and respectable audience attended. The performances were generally good. I am unable from memory, having accidentally lost the order of exercises on which

some memoranda were made, to do justice to the individual young gentlemen, and indeed it were perhaps invidious to enter minutely into a consideration of the relative merit, where all did well. "Nemo ex hoc numero mihi non donatus abibit." Characterized as were the performances by general correctness of style, purity of taste and manliness of sentiment. I shall venture a remark upon one feature on which there may be a diversity of opinion. There seemed to be a labored effort, in many of the parts, to mingle theology with literature. The student appeared more solicitous to display his religious feelings, than his literary acquirements. That a large proportion of the numbers of graduates should be sober, pious young gentlemen, is both creditable to them, and important to society within the sphere of their influence. But instructions on theology cannot be expected from graduates on commencement day. The audience demand a literary repast, and while they would feel shocked at any sentiment hostile to religion, intending in the slightest degree to diminish a deep sense of its importance, they can hardly be supposed to relish lectures on subjects which they hear treated, at least once a week, by older, more experienced, and abler men. The performances however were creditable to the talents and industry of the young gentlemen; and that, which appeared to me as not quite well timed, may in the opinion of others, constitute their peculiar excellence. That they were, on the whole, acceptable, was evinced by testimonies of applause.

The orations before the College Societies on Tuesday were delivered agreeably to appointment. That of Dr. Howe, on the causes which led to the formation of separate nations and distinct communities of people (I have not his precise language,) was listened to with great attention. His illustrations were drawn from Greece, the land of his travels, his exertions and his hopes, and they excited a strong interest from the consideration, that he had seen with kindling eye and contemplated with feeling heart whatever he described. There was no attempt at eloquence, but the effect of eloquence was visible upon the listening auditory.

The subject of Mr. Stone's oration was not of the popular cast, English style, its changes which he announced it. It seemed the announcement of a dull, dry disquisition, which, however fraught with instruction, could hardly hope to amuse or entertain. The fear was groundless. Attention was soon chained to the speaker, and an interest awakened, which grew deeper and stronger to the close. Instead of the abstract principles and lifeless forms of a professed philologist, the speaker introduced the fathers of our literature from abroad and at home in full life, and pointed out their several peculiarities with an accuracy of demonstration, beauty of style and felicity of manner seldom equalled. The performance may be ranked among those of distinguished excellence, and its author among the most promising literary young men of our State.

On Thursday President Allen delivered an oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Society on War—a hackneyed subject, but the performance was one of great merit. The judicious introduction of particular topics, the arrangement of facts industriously collected, the soundness of the orator's deductions, the correctness of his views, the clearness and force with which he set before his audience the settled convictions of his own mind, and above all the elevated and strong spirit of philanthropy which pervaded and animated the whole address, must have raised President Allen as a scholar and philanthropist in the estimation of all who heard him. The legal difficulties which exist in relation to the concerns of Bowdoin College, do not seem to affect its prosperity. The instructors are able men. The merits of the students are almost if not entirely unexceptionable. A class of nearly sixty were expected to enter. Indeed there is nothing, with the exception of certain legal perplexities and their consequences all which it is hoped will be settled and disposed of to general satisfaction, that occasions the least cloud upon the bright prospect of the future usefulness and glory of Bowdoin College.

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LATEST FROM FRANCE.
By the packet ship Charlemagne, Captain Pierce, we have received Havre papers to the 1st inst. inclusive, and Paris to the evening of July 31st. [N. Y. Journal of Commerce.]
The Three Days passed off without any serious disturbances, though it would seem not however was prevented by timely discovery on the part of the authorities. We have not time now for the details of the celebration of the 28th 29th; suffice it to say the splendid program which we have already published was carried into effect, in the best Parisian style, iselles Hymn.

Galignani's Messenger, in concluding a description, says—"Thus has terminated this long anticipated festival, from which so much was hoped and so much feared; the hopes have ripened into reality, the fears have happily ceased to exist. The result of the manifestations of the popular feelings is more satisfactory to the King and Government than if it had been allowed to be wholly uninterrupted by open opposition; since it appears from the arrests which have taken place, and the discoveries which order have again put forth their utmost powers, and again proved how utterly insignificant a minority they form in the great body of citizens who have a right to consider themselves the French nation."

Paris July 30.—The Government received telegraphic despatches yesterday from most of the principal towns in the kingdom announcing that the anniversary was celebrated on Saturday or Sunday, with the utmost loyalty, and with all the usual solemnities and festivities.

Paris July 29.—On Saturday morning, all the soldiers of the garrison of Paris who were in confinement for breaches of discipline were pardoned and set at liberty.

By a royal decree of the 26th instant, pardons or commutations of their sentences were granted to numerous prisoners within the jurisdiction of the Royal Court at Caen, confined for various terms for different offences, among whom are seven of those confined at Mont St. Michel, four having received an entire remission of their punishment, and three a diminution of one year of the term of their condemnation.

Paris July 31.—A considerable crowd continued to flock to the Place Vendôme, to see the statue of Napoleon. The model of the Obelisk of Luxor is also an object of great attraction.

Paris July 31.—The whole of the Royal Family will leave Paris on Monday next, the King and the Duke de Nemours for Cherbourg, the Queen and Princesses for Brussels, and the Duke of Orleans for the Camps at St. Omer, Rocroi, and Wattignies. Preparations for their departure are making at the Palace.

Brussels July 29.—Letters from the Hague confirm the reports that Holland demands an augmentation of our portion of the debt, and that it shall be carried to the amount of 12,000,000 francs of the interest; also that the capital should be invested; and finally an increase of the lotus for pursuing the Scheldt. It appears that the Treaty of Peace is to be negotiated first between Holland and the Five Powers, who will afterwards submit the terms to the approbation of Belgium.

Cholera at Lisbon.—The Montreal Gazette, announces after accounts of the 12th July, from Lisbon, that the Cholera in that city has greatly diminished, and hopes are entertained that it will soon entirely cease. The Bulletin issued by the Junta of Health on the 11th, states the number of new cases to be 52; the serious remaining, 167; the slight cases 195; the convalescents, 172. The total number of patients since the breaking out of the malady, 6,770, of whom 3,490 have been cured, and 3,280 have died.

Constantinople Aug. 10.—"The Egyptian army having effected its retreat behind the Taurus, the Russian auxiliary forces have this morning left the roadstead of Bujukdere, to return to the Black Sea. The English squadron near the Dardanelles, which had appeared inst. and sailed in the direction of Samsun."

A correspondent of the Boston Centinel writes from Paris that the last anniversary of our national Independence was celebrated in that city by a sumptuous dinner, at which nearly a hundred Americans were present: George W. Erving, Esq. of Boston, late Minister of the United States, at the Court of Madrid, president, and was assisted by F. Carnes Esq. of New York, Dr. Tucker of Philadelphia, and T. W. Storow, Jr. Esq. of Boston, Vice Presidents. Lafayette, Messrs. George Lafayette, Leavitt Harris, Esq. Charge d'Affaires at the Court of France, D. Bradford Esq. United States Consul at Paris, and General Devereux. The Hall was decorated with American and French flags, and adorned with busts of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, and other distinguished patriots of the American school. The following regular toasts were drank.

1. The Day, we celebrate. Hail Columbia.
2. Our Country,—Land of our hearts, to tyranny unknown, Here every exile finds a welcome home; Our heroes conquer, or they nobly fall.
3. The Memory of Washington. Dirge.
4. The President of the United States. Yankee Doodle.
5. The King of the French. Parisienne.
6. The Memory of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Pleyel's Hymn.
7. The Heroes and Sages of the Revolution. Chocou da Conjurs.
8. Liberty—the Constitution.—Union.—Hail Columbia.
9. Our Foreign Relations.—Harmony and liberal intercourse, with all nations, entangling alliances with none. Marseilles Hymn.
10. Public Instruction. The safeguard of our Institutions, and the bulwark of our Republic. Yankee Doodle.
11. The Free Press. Public opinion corrects its license, and maintains its rights. Marseilles Hymn.

13. Our fair Country Women, exclaiming sweet hearts, matchless Wives. Tyrless of William Tell.

Mr. Erving, the President of the Day, gave: Old Hickory, the Hero of New-Orleans, which was drunk with repeated cheers.

Mr. Carnes, the 1st Vice-President, after some preliminary remarks, in which he alluded to the brilliant career of La Fayette, gave the following sentiment:

That model of disinterested Patriotism, the veteran LAFAYETTE.

The above was received with enthusiastic and long continued cheering.

GENERAL LAFAYETTE rose to offer his acknowledgements.

It is now for the 57th time, said he, that I have been given me to hail our glorious anniversary of the 4th July, the sacred era of the doctrine of the rights of man, the popular star of universal freedom. But how can I find adequate words to express my gratitude, for the so very warm applause that has greeted the last toast, and the most kind speech that had preceded it. When such testimonies of esteem are so effectually poured upon me, it is yourselves you are applauding, my dear friends.

Am I not in fact an American Veteran? Have I not at all times, in every situation, proudly declared myself a disciple of the American School? Am I not Washington's adopted Son? Delighted I am on this convivial meeting, to meet such a numerous concourse of American fellow-citizens, coming from every part of the Union, and to enjoy with them the immense results of public and private prosperity, security, happiness and unbounded prospects, that have flowed from that great day of independence and freedom. And when I advert to the few clouds that have at distant periods threatened somewhat to obscure so brilliant an atmosphere, which it would be the more improper here to particularize, I rejoice that they are now, and I hope forever, dispelled.

I recur to that admirable trait of the American character, which in my last farewell speech at Washington, I have justly called a "National Good Sense, the great arbiter of all difficulties." May all the interior and external advantages resulting from the day we are celebrating, continue to be more and more increasing.

May the people of the United States reap every benefit from their scientific, literary, mercantile intercourse, and mutual exchanges, with this side of the Atlantic, particularly with France, where I want, at this moment, to express my conviction, that proper measures will be adopted to cherish them.

There is, however, a sort of commodity which in your European connections, and which I have devoted more than 50 years of my life to make it a matter of importation to Europe, I must earnestly warn you never to make a matter of exchange. I mean republican principles—pure, virtuous, unalloyed, happily condensed in that one American word, "Self-Government." While those principles are imported gratis, do forever beware of European exchange, and accept from me the following toast:

"The National Good Sense of the American people, the final arbiter of all difficulties."

At the conclusion of the above, all the company arose, and the hall re-echoed with their acclamations.

[From the Richmond Whig of August 23.]
The following statement appeared in the shape of a handbill issued from this office yesterday.

Melancholy Effect of the Earthquake.—The stage driver brings information that Brown's Coal Pits, at Dover, sunk in during the earthquake this morning, burying forty-two negroes. The overseer, who was here at the time, has gone up express.

At the time of the issuing of the statement, the acting Editor was not in. Had he been present he would have known that the thing was utterly impossible. It is well known to all acquainted with the working of pits in this part of the country, that so large a number of hands are seldom if ever in the pit at once, more especially at this time of the morning. Unless the whole face of the earth in the neighborhood of the shaft should tumble, it is impossible that such a number could ever be caught, for it is well known that no one draft is sufficiently large to admit that number of workmen. We make these remarks at the suggestion of several collectors who think the statement above mentioned calculated to injure them.

The facts are simply these. The negroes in the pits being much alarmed by the earthquake, rushed at once to the mouth of the shaft to ascend. One of them seized upon it with both hands without being able to get into it, about 100 feet, his strength relaxing, his grasp gave way, and he fell dashing out his own brains, and killing another person who was standing immediately under him. This was the extent of the damage. The pits were but little if at all injured—no tumble having taken place, and all the roofs remaining to all appearances as firm as before the earthquake took place.

National Convention.—There seems to be but one opinion as to the manner in which the democracy will go in order, to decide who shall be their next candidate for the presidency at the next trial. The democratic party are in favor of a National Convention, if any thing can be judged from the expression of opinion through their organs.

On this subject the Ohio Sun says—"There is not a paper in Ohio, in the confidence of the

